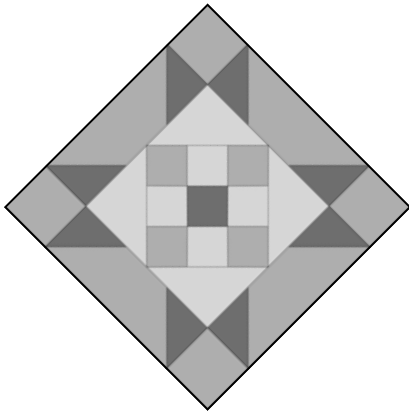





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Block 11: Cutting Corners

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Fabric needed for one block & Cutting instructions

Fabric 1	Fat 1/16th yard or scrap (4) 1-1/4" squares (2) 2-3/8" squares, cut once diagonally 
Fabric 2	Fat 1/16th yard or scrap (1) 1-1/4" square (8) 1-1/2" squares
Fabric 3	Fat 1/16th yard or scrap (4) 1-1/4" squares (4) 1-1/2"x3-1/2" rectangles

I don't know about you, but my email in-box is filled daily with propositions and schemes that promise to make money

overnight, lose weight fast, earn a degree in 30 days, grow richer, thicker, fuller hair, increase my memory, reduce wrinkles overnight and whiten my teeth in a week. Wow! If all that were true, I could cut a few corners be superhuman in less than 30 days! But then reality hits, and it takes time and effort to make any of these happen. There are no magical corners to cut.

The same is true with our Christian faith. There is no quick and easy method for spiritual development. It is a life long process that takes time and intention. Growing in faith doesn't happen by accident. There are no corners to cut. God directs us to "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." **2 Peter 3: 18** The Oxford Annotated Bible, with the Apocrypha, Expanded Edition, 1977. In order to grow in our faith, we must first DESIRE to grow, and then we must MAINTAIN that desire. Why is it so easy to lose our zeal for growing our faith? When did we become satisfied, thinking no more growth is needed? Even Peter thought he had reached a level where he would never deny Jesus, yet he did—THREE times!

In order to grow our faith, we must nourish it. We can do this by reading the Bible and attending church regularly. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." **Matthew 4:4.** We feed ourselves daily, yet we are content to feed our spiritual self sporadically. Take this little test on spiritual nourishment.

- How much time did you spend last week watching TV?
- How much time watching sports or entertainment, or reading the paper, magazines, etc.?
- How much time did you spend on some hobby or outside interest, that may not be immoral but is not necessary?
- How many hours did you spend studying your Bible?
- How many services of the church did you attend? How many did you miss that you could have attended?

Remember, there are no corners to cut when growing our faith. It will take time, patience, steadfastness, and PRAYER!

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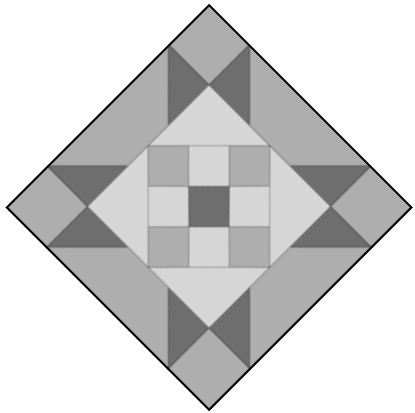
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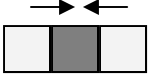
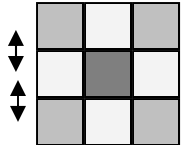
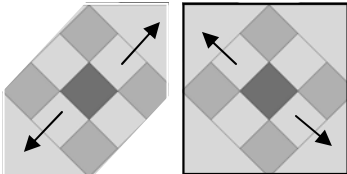
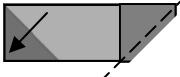


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Instructions

1. Stitch (1) Fabric 1 and (2) Fabric 3 1-1/4" squares together to construct the top and bottom rows of the 9-patch center unit. Press to the outside. Make (2) units. The unfinished unit should measure 1-1/4"x2-3/4".

2. Stitch (1) Fabric 2 and (2) Fabric 1 1-1/4" squares together construct the center row of the 9-patch center unit. Press to the inside. The unfinished unit should measure 1-1/4"x2-3/4".

3. Stitch the units from Step 1 and Step 2 together to complete the 9-patch center unit. Press seams open.

4. Stitch Fabric 1 half-squares to two opposite sides of the unit from Step 3. Press to the outside. Stitch the Fabric 1 half-squares to the remaining sides of the unit. Press to the outside. The unfinished unit should measure 3-1/2" square.

5. With right sides together, place a Fabric 2 square on the left side of a Fabric 3 rectangle. Stitch diagonally as shown. Trim seam 1/4". Press to the outside. In the same manner, stitch a Fabric 2 square to the right side of the unit. Trim seam. Press to the outside. Make (4) units. The unfinished unit should measure 1-1/2" x 3-1/2".


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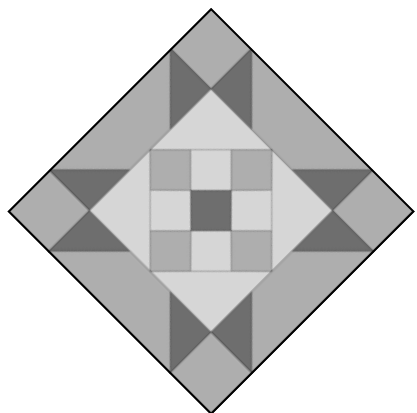




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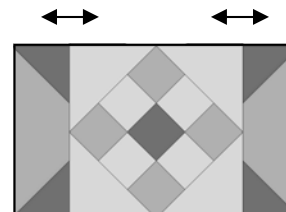
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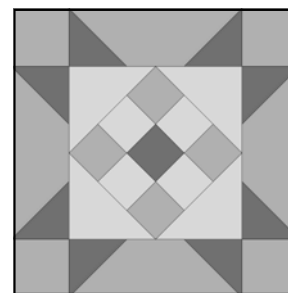
6. Stitch a unit from Step 5 to the sides of the unit from Step 4. Press seams open. The unfinished unit should measure 3-1/2"x5-1/2".



7. Stitch Fabric 3 squares to each side of the remaining units from Step 5. Make (2) units. Press to the outside. The unfinished unit should measure 1-1/2"x5-1/2".



8. Stitch the units from Step 7 to the top and bottom of the unit from Step 6. Press seams open. The unfinished block should measure 5-1/2"x5-1/2".



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